

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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17. An image recording method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the cushion layer is formed between the surface of the recording paper and the image receiving layer and is in physical contact with an entire surface of the recording paper on at least one side.

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in further response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2001, and supplemental to the Amendment filed April 23, 2001, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claim 12 is amended to describe features of the invention more particularly. The scope of the invention is not affected by the modification. Additional claim 17 is added to describe an additional aspect of the invention. Claim 17 is patentable because the art of record teaches only partial disposition of the cushion layer in a recording set up.

In view of the above, claims 1-12 and additional claim 17 are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue at the earliest possible time. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 12 is amended as follows:

Claim 12 (Amended). An image recording [apparatus] method for recording an image by use of the image recording method as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein the steps of attaching recording paper, forming an image receiving layer, winding a toner sheet, and transferring toner are performed in a single apparatus


Claim 17 is added as a new claim.

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Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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